

## LEADING DEMOCRATS GOT BIG 'ALIEN' FEES

\$2,138,546 Allowed in Addition to Directors' Pay, Says Report to Senate.

## SELECT GROUP NAMED

Former Custodians Gave Choice Jobs to Leaders, Statement Shows.

## \$200,000 TO JOHN QUINN

Col. Miller's Figures Reveal Three New Yorkers in List—U. S. Claims Protected.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., April 10.

Lawyers who were politically prominent during President Wilson's Administration drew enormous fees upon the orders of the Alien Property Custodian when A. Mitchell Palmer and Francis P. Garvan occupied that office.

Col. Thomas W. Miller, present custodian, in response to the King resolution, to-day forwarded to the Senate a 3,700 page report detailing how Democrats, most of them active in the party councils, virtually monopolized the choicest berths at the disposal of the Administration in representing litigants in cases coming before the Alien Property Custodian.

Congress was informed that prior to March 4, 1921, when President Harding took office, \$2,138,546.93 was paid in attorneys' fees. The larger fees went to a selected group. Payments of fees for legal services rendered to corporations taken over by the Government were made with the approval of the custodian out of the trust funds of the particular corporation under Government control.

In the lists of Democratic lawyers favored by the Wilson regime were many who, besides drawing huge sums for legal services, also were paid salaries for serving as members of boards of directors of corporations seized and controlled by the Alien Property Custodian.

Some of the beneficiaries. Attorneys' fees were so large in some cases of corporations that practically no profits were left to be distributed to stockholders.

One of the chief beneficiaries of large fees was Frank L. Crocker, New York. Mr. Crocker's fees are said to have run easily into six figures. Throughout the report the name of Mr. Crocker appears along with expenditures in varying sums, some as high as \$30,000.

J. Harry Covington, former Democratic Representative from Maryland, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and close friend of former Attorney-General Palmer, figure conspicuously in Col. Miller's report. Both Covington and Crocker drew large sums both as legal representatives and as members of boards of directors of corporations.

Other prominent Democrats who were named as recipients of large fees were Fred B. Lynch, former Democratic national committeeman from Minnesota; John J. Fitzgerald, former Representative from Brooklyn; Abram I. Elkus, Ambassador to Turkey during the Wilson administration; Homer Cummings, former chairman of the National Democratic Committee, and Isador J. Kresel, New York lawyer.

Mr. Kresel received \$90,000 out of more than \$100,000 disbursed for lawyers' fees on account of the affairs of the Beer, Soudheimer Company, dealers in metals.

Lawyers' fees absorbed most of the profits of the Botany Worsted Mills Company. What the lawyers did not get, it appears, was paid out largely in the form of salaries or expense allowances to officials or members of the board of directors of the concern. One lawyer, John Quinn of New York, was listed as receiving a total of \$200,000 in fees. Other lawyers received \$60,000, many of the directors were paid \$5,000 a year and expenses which in some instances probably equalled their salary.

It appeared that both Mr. Crocker and Judge Covington perhaps obtained the

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## ELEPHANT ON PILGRIMAGE TRAMPS PAST THOUSANDS

Children Greet Old John at Every Crossroads on Way to White Plains, Where Pachyderm Puts Up for Night.

Old John, the veteran Ringling elephant who is on a pilgrimage to Somers, N. Y., to lay a wreath on the grave of Bet, the first circus elephant ever to land in this country, reached White Plains last night at 6:30 o'clock and retired for the night after a hearty supper of baled hay and apples. He was quartered in the Agricultural Hall at the White Plains Fair Grounds, where large crowds gathered to watch him eat hay and go to sleep.

The old elephant, wearing his bright garb, to which he took such a dislike, traveled seventeen miles during the day, having got an early start. He passed the New York city line at 11

largest slice of fees, for they were identified in a much larger number of corporations, either as counsel or as members of directorates, than some of the others in the favored Democratic group of legal lights.

In some cases Mr. Crocker and Judge Covington participated liberally in legal fees paid out by the same corporation. In the case of the Buyer Chemical Company Covington got \$15,000 and Crocker \$10,000. Another entry showed that both received jointly from the same concern \$5,117. Mr. Crocker also was paid a \$30,000 fee for representing the Berlin Aniline Company. Covington also received a \$30,000 fee from the same concern. Covington received \$1,000 for a legal service for the Bosch Magneto Company.

Among Mr. Crocker's other fees listed by Col. Miller was \$17,000 paid in the case of the Diller-March Company, gas retort manufacturers. Mr. Crocker also was counsel for Sidney Blumenthal & Co. of New York, the Bonton Rubber Company, the Chillingworth Manufacturing Company, Dieckhoff, Haffner & Co. and many other concerns.

The New York Trust Company of New York and the Trent Trust of Honolulu fared the best of the depositaries. New York Trust Company received about \$59,000 for services as depositary for the twenty-three enemy insurance companies and \$42,000 in addition for services as liquidator. For a period of two years it had a daily average cash deposit of about \$2,000,000 belonging to the enemy insurance companies and in addition one of their vice-presidents, Frederick J. Horn, was an official in the Alien Property Custodian's office, at one time managing director.

Otto T. Barnard of New York, chairman of the board of the New York Trust Company, was chairman of the committee of sales in the Alien Property Custodian's office under the Wilson Administration. This committee approved of all sales made under the Wilson Administration of alien property.

An expense item which attracted notice was one for \$173,757.50 paid to Lybrand, Ross Brothers & Montgomery of Philadelphia for making an audit of the office of the Alien Property Custodian. Some of the members of this firm were active as supporters of former Attorney-General Palmer during the Presidential campaign.

A total of \$1,084,859 was paid for "accounting, auditing and appraising" during the Wilson Administration. In the case of the payment to the Philadelphia auditing firm, Col. Miller said that when the audit was completed it was of no practical value.

Report Shows Comparisons. Expenditures made by seized corporations with the approval of the Alien Property Custodian since the Harding Administration came into office were comparatively small. The following figures are disclosed by the report:

Attorneys' fees paid prior to March 4, 1921, \$2,138,546.93.

Attorneys' fees since March 4, 1921, \$116,469.47.

Salaries of officers and directors of corporations previous to March 4, 1921, \$1,574,017.62.

Salaries of officers and directors of corporations since March 4, 1921, \$132,435.94.

Paid for accounting, auditing and appraising previous to March 4, 1921, \$1,084,859.22.

Paid for accounting, auditing and appraising since March 4, 1921, \$2,718.55.

Paid for advertising and printing pre-

vious to March 4, 1921, \$258,067.52.

The report discloses the fact that charges heretofore made by Senator King that the present Alien Property Custodian has seized property since peace was declared with Germany last July are groundless and without any foundation whatsoever. The last property seized by the custodian was that belonging to Grover Bergey, seized on May 27, 1921, under the provisions of the trading with the enemy act and within the scope of that act.

Col. Miller, summarizing his report, said:

"The property administered by the custodian's office to-day consists of about 33,000 active trusts, representing property scattered from the Philippine Islands and Hawaii, and located in almost every State and Territory in the United States. Generally speaking, the property consists of industrial plants, such as chemical and woolen mills, steamship lines, banks, land and cattle companies, salmon factories, gold, silver and other precious mines of metal and other miscellaneous industrial plants, as well as thousands of parcels of real estate and trusts represented by securities and liquid assets. The approximate value of this property amounts to about \$350,000,000."

The only one of the New York lawyers mentioned in Col. Miller's report who could be reached last night was Abram I. Elkus. All he would say was that he had represented some of the concerns which were in the hands of the Alien Property Custodian during the war, but that the fees he received were reasonable and were paid in return for full value in services.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN WILL SEE THE CIRCUS

Orphans Also to Attend Performance on Monday.

The orphaned and crippled children of New York's institutional homes will be the guests of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus at a special circus performance that has been arranged for them at Madison Square Garden Monday morning. The doors will be opened at 9 o'clock and the performance will start at 9:45. The feature attractions will be trained animal stunts, including polar bear tight rope walkers, horses that drill like soldiers and lions and tigers that play games with their keepers.

It has been requested that the heads of institutions for cripples and orphans write immediately to the secretary of the circus, Madison Square Garden, and advise him as to the number of children and attendants they wish to send. The secretary will mail an order of admission upon receipt of such communication.

GERMAN GIFT TO HEBREWS.

JERUSALEM, April 10.—The Hebrew University of this city has received an announcement that seven acres of land in Prussia, worth about 510,000 marks, have been given to that institution under the stipulation that the land shall be sold and the proceeds used to found an institute for research in cancer as part of the university. The donor is W. Manmann, a councillor of Arendsee, Mecklenburg.

## GREGORY ADVISES DEPORTING PROBST

Alienist Examines Swiss Butler—Seaman on Ellis Island.

After an examination of August Probst, the Swiss butler-seaman, adjudged insane by two immigrant examination boards, Dr. Menas Gregory, chief alienist in Bellevue Hospital, yesterday told Bernard H. Sandler, counsel for Probst, that in his opinion his client was suffering from a mental malady, and his return to Switzerland was advisable.

Dr. Gregory, with Dr. A. A. Brill of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, had been brought to Ellis Island by Mr. Sandler to examine the young man, who claims he is being "railroaded" out of the country because of his love for a wealthy Pittsburgh society girl.

Mr. Sandler, accompanied by Dr. Gregory and Brill, Louis H. Jourard, Swiss Vice-Consul in this city, and Charles Fehlmann, met Dr. Charles Wildman, one of the Ellis Island physicians who had ordered the deportation of Probst as being of unsound mind.

By a rule of the island, only one of the doctors could be present at the examination and the toss of a coin was won by Dr. Gregory.

After an examination of more than an hour and a half, Dr. Gregory reported to Mr. Sandler that Probst was not suffering from paranoia but from a type of pseudo-paranoia. The alienist said Probst had "an imagined case of love sickness," and that it was not insanity, although he is not sane in his estimation.

"It's like the case of the young man who goes to a theatre and a charming

actress throws a rose into the audience and it accidentally hits him," Dr. Gregory said in illustration of Probst's condition. "The youth leaves the theatre believing the actress loves him, and returns the following night, and the actress does the same thing. He is convinced, and his imagination supplies the rest."

The examination yesterday was conducted by Drs. H. J. Wildman, Jr., J. R. Loughran, T. E. Porter, all of the Medical Board, and Dr. Gregory. The result will be reported to-day, and in all probability the youth will be ordered deported.

Mr. Sandler said last night he will insist on a further examination of his client by Dr. Brill, inasmuch as the latter was not permitted to attend yesterday's session of the Medical Board. This, Mr. Sandler says, was promised by the Surgeon-General of the Public Health Service in Washington.

GIGANTIC SWINDLE TO BE 'EXPOSED' TO-DAY

Woodruff (Mich.) Promises to Reveal It in House.

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How the Government is being swindled out of millions is the subject of a speech to be delivered on the floor of the House to-morrow afternoon.

"Sensational exposures" were promised to-day by Representative Roy O. Woodruff (Rep., Mich.), who will deliver the speech. Data for the exposure has been in preparation for some time, Mr. Woodruff said. In collection of the material he has been assisted by Royall C. Johnston, also a Republican, of South Dakota. Mr. Woodruff to-night refused to say what branch of the Government has been victimized.

"It is not the War Department, as some newspapers have reported it," explained Mr. Woodruff. "Neither does it involve any official of the Government in graft charges. There has been graft. And it will be exposed. But I cannot say another word before to-morrow."

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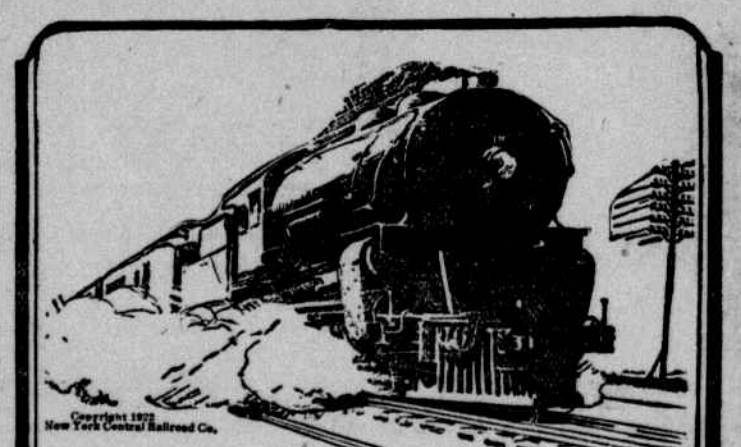
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